

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 39  
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A RESOLUTION to urge the Department of Education to study issues relative to funding, curriculum, facilities, and health care in K-12 schools.

WHEREAS, states throughout the country are identifying K-12 schools with low performance records, with stipulations to improve standards by specified times or face the possibility of state receivership; and

WHEREAS, African American schools are mostly affected where inner city children are in majority attendance; and

WHEREAS, research reveals that schools in this nation have been grossly neglected by state departments of education, and local and county political bodies by denying and/or requiring less than:

1. Adequate funding;
2. Advance and/or uniform curriculum, supplies and materials, including technology;
3. State-of-the-art educational facilities; and

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4. Health Care, including:

- a. Vision and hearing screening;
- b. Dental care;
- c. Psychological evaluations and health services for addicted children and families;
- d. Teacher retraining;
- e. Effective parent participation and training;
- f. Preventative and corrective measures for at-risk children in grades K-4 to close the widening gap and digital divide in preparation for the global economy; and
- g. Internet accessibility and technology infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the members of this General Assembly to seek effective solutions to the growing problems associated with these most critical issues to ensure the future development of our young people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Commissioner of the Department of Education is hereby urged to study issues relative to funding, curriculum, facilities, and healthcare in K-12 schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Commissioner of the Department of Education.